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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with []

1. [] (O/DDS&T) and I met with [] in [] yesterday. He met us at the airport to the airport for our flight back to Washington.

2. [] stated that he had a copy of his corrected transcript of a telephone conversation with David Belin of the Rockefeller Commission. We told him that our interest was not in the Castro operation, as such. However, the report that [] and I did in 1967 (he recalled being interviewed by us) did provide some leads to a new subject of interest. The 1967 report referred to his involvement in August through October of 1960 with the treatment of some cigars. The record showed that those cigars were never used and were destroyed by him after the retirement of Col. Edwards in June of 1963. We told him that the record also showed that in February 1961 he had tested some pills [].

[] He remembered both these incidents. We told him that our question was how he happened to know to go to [] for these materials. The significance of this question now is that the Agency is trying to reconstruct a relationship that TSD had with Fort Detrick.

3. [] first showed us his transcript, which is in very general terms, but that is meaningful if one is familiar with his peripheral role in the Castro affair. It reported the receipt of the cigars and delivery to [] as well as their return to him after being treated. It also recorded his experimenting with the pills []. When interviewed by Belin, [] stated that he did not know what materials were used in treating the cigars. His description of the [] test, in talking with Belin, described the unsatisfactory nature of the test. I told [] that in 1967 [] had told us that the material was botulinum to which []

[] which possibly explained the unsatisfactory results of his test.

4. [] described how he first came to be involved with the people in TSD. He was interested in developing a system of type-identity of individuals []

[] Through this interest [] became familiar with [] some 50 packages of type-identification materials. He does not know what happened to this system, and suspects that they may have been destroyed by persons who did not have the same interest in the concept as he. As a matter of interest, there were other forms of identification, []

5. [] assumed that TSD was doing work at Detrick. He was never told this directly, but felt that work was being done there. He was not familiar with the [] although he recognized the [] diagram []

6. [] stated that in the late 1950s (perhaps around 1957) someone in the DDI invited a number of inter-Agency (sic) people to go out to Detrick for a three-day program. That was prior to the time, according to his recollection, that Detrick constructed the cinder block building that it used later for a good deal of its special work. He saw the building at a later date. It was built quite close to the road and he felt it could easily be sabotaged. Someone could hit it with a bazooka which would "collapse the vacuum system" which would lead to considerable trouble by the release of bacteria. [] does not recall knowing any one at Fort Detrick, although he had [] He did not want to go out there in any event, because the micro-biologists were "parading" and he might become identified with it. He stated that he knew that TSD had direct access to Detrick, and also to NIH, but that he cannot answer today how he knew.

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7. I recalled that [] was appointed Special Scientific Advisor to DDP Bissell, and that his office was adjoining Bissell's. This explained []'s association with a variety of proposals. He said that he could talk with [] who had "lots of ideas." His, [] role seemed to be a sort of feasibility review. The DDP called him in from time to time to check the feasibility of ideas from a medical point of view. As an example, Admiral Raborn had promised someons that there would be a TSD failed on this, and [] was called in. His participation led to a successful conclusion of the investigation and the system is used in police work today, according to him.

8. I felt that he considered [] and [] (the latter now deceased) as friendly competitors. He seemed to hold a different opinion of [] about whom he was critical for public statements that [] understands he currently is making []. I felt that he could deal directly with [] but he had to keep [] from knowing this because [] insisted on people dealing only with him. [] and [] managed to conduct some informal business this way. I felt that perhaps the best person with knowledge was a man who had the "best brains" and an overall responsibility in TSD. He gave us the following name and address:

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9. We talked about [] participation in the treatment of the cigars and the making of the pills. We asked how he happened to know to go to []. Given the nature of the material we hoped that it indicated some knowledge on his part of what was under development at Detrick. He thinks that Col. Edwards came to him and suggested it. He viewed his role in this instance as serving as []. It also provided the medical screen for reviewing the concept of what TSD offered. Col. Edwards would have told him to go to TSD or [] and would not have mentioned [] by name.

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10. We asked [] if he had any knowledge of the Agency funding for the Detrick program or for construction of the building there. He said he had none. The only knowledge that he had of the TSD budget was when he once saw some papers dealing with a contract with [].

[] This was a program concerned with use of drugs in connection with interrogation and programs in defense against drugs.

11. We asked if he knew a [] He said that he had worked with him on one program.

In reviewing the materials [] came to believe that it would not serve the purpose claimed and "a group of us worked against it." They proved that they were right. [] "didn't like this" and [] said he never really worked with him again. There was a man involved in some way with this by the name of [] (spelling uncertain).

12. [] talked about other things that he did. He referred to the case of []

[] He said that he talked to no case officers on operations without approval, so far as operations are concerned.

13. [] said that he was familiar with delivery systems that had been developed for application of certain materials. He knew about the microbioinoculator (dart system) and related it to the application of tranquilizers to elephants, lions and tigers. He was familiar with an [] He said that he had lobbied to make sure that these systems were not used on humans.

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14. We summarized for [redacted] what he had told us asking if it was correct that he had no direct knowledge or involvement in the TSD program at Detrick, that his knowledge was indirect, being related to specific instances. He stated that this was correct.

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